

House Resolution No. 4690

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State churches that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the United Methodist Church of Waynesville, Missouri, was chartered One Hundred Twenty years ago and can trace its history as a mission back one hundred seventy-four years; and

Whereas, during the year 2007, Waynesville United Methodist Church will celebrate its One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary with appropriate observances during Sunday worship services; and

Whereas, in the early 1940s as nearby Fort Leonard Wood was being constructed, the town of Waynesville grew from a population of under 300 to that which numbered in the thousands; and

Whereas, the little white church built in 1887 became too small for the United Methodist Church's growing congregation, which built a new brick facility that had the sanctuary located upstairs and a lower floor housing restrooms, a kitchen, classrooms, and a dining area; and

Whereas, the stained glass window from the old white church was carefully removed and placed in the new church, which also contained new stained glass windows with family names located below; and

Whereas, the Reverend and Mrs. Sherman moved into a new parsonage built on the location of the old church, and Elmer Rigsby, Jr., and Gary Max Eldredge were welcomed into the church through infant baptism in September 1946; and

Whereas, the USO and the Korean Baptist Church for a while each used the downstairs area of the brick church in an arrangement reminiscent of the time in the earlier part of the twentieth century when the congregations of the Methodist and Baptist churches met in each other's church and when local children studied in the church after their school was damaged by fire; and

Whereas, Waynesville United Methodist Church moved again in the 1980s to its current location on Highway T:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Waynesville United Methodist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary of the chartering of their religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the United Methodist Church of Waynesville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative David Day
District No. 148

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4690, adopted September 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker